

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

New claims 5-20 are added to the application, directed to certain preferred embodiments of the invention. Support for claims 5-11 can be found on page 8, lines 7-15 of the specification. Support for claims 12-13 can be found on page 2, lines 18-25. Support for claim 14 can be found on page 4, lines 2-3. Support for claim 15 can be found on page 4, lines 13-23. Support for claims 16-17 can be found on page 5, lines 1-10. Support for claims 18-19 can be found on page 5, lines 21-23. Support for claim 20 can be found on page 6, lines 16-18.

The claims are rejected based primarily on the teaching of Kunihiro for its teaching of photosetting and thermosetting components and a photosetting agent. The present invention is a sealing agent and an LCD panel manufactured using the sealing agent. The sealing agent has very specific requirements as defined in claim 1, so as to provide an LCD panel made by an LC dropping method, which sealing agent avoids the contamination of liquid crystals when this method is used. As indicated in the rejection, the primary Kunihiro reference fails to teach the

specific requirements of the present invention sealing agent but considers that, based on the secondary art, it would be obvious to modify the Kunihiro teaching to meet the requirements of the present invention. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

First, it is noted that the art fails to teach the specific ranges required by the present invention or why one would optimize conditions to the specific conditions now required. However, the applicant has found that limiting the parameters as required by the present claims, provides results which could not have been expected from the art. Evidence for this is provided in a DECLARATION by the inventor, a copy of which (unexecuted) is annexed hereto. We are advised that an executed version will be available shortly for filing to complete the record.

Referring to the DECLARATION, a sealing agent, according to Example 1 of Kunihiro was prepared for comparison against the sealing agent which was prepared according to Example 1 of the present application. The parameters, according to claim 1 hereof, were measured and the sealing agents were then tested for performance as sealing agents. As described on page 7 of the DECLARATION, the results for the sealing agent of the present

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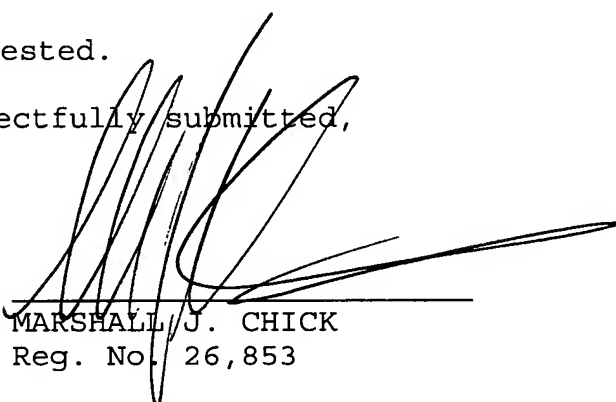
invention is that it showed remarkably excellent orientation and sealing properties while the sealing agent of the reference (outside the requirements of the present claims) had orientation failure and sealing failure. Thus, the sealing agent of the prior art would be unsatisfactory.

It is therefore submitted that the DECLARATION provides evidence that sealing agents within the present invention provide results which could not have been predicted from the art and are unexpectedly superior.

Entry of this AMENDMENT and allowance of the application are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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